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REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 12-30, 32-68 and 70-78 are pending in the application.

Applicants express their appreciation is expressed for the indicated allowability of

Claims 1-10, 12-30, 32-68 and 70-78. The present Request for Continued Examination is

being provided with an accompanying Information Disclosure Statement that provides

identification of two references of which Applicants have recently become aware.

Applicants are therefore providing these references to the Examiner for the pending

claims to be considered in light of these references.

<u>CONCLUSION</u>

In view of the remarks set forth herein, the application and the claims therein are

believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited.

Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a

telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at

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